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LOCAL RECORDS LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE IN MISSISSIPPI

"In many respects, local government is the most important unit of government in our day-to-day lives. It provides for registration of marriages, recording of property deeds, and voter registration. We seek satisfaction and justice from courts of local government and pay local taxes on our property. Much other vital information is created and stored on this level. One of the biggest problems Mississippi faces is how to best manage all of this information. What generally happens is that older records are pushed into less desirable storage areas to make room for newer ones. Some of these records are vital to the operation of government, our rights as citizens and our local heritage. Others are merely routine administrative and housekeeping documents that have no long-term value." Writing in the January, 1994 issue of Mississippi Supervisor Jim Dawson, Executive Director of the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History sought the support for local records legislation from Mississippi's local records supervisors -- circuit and chancery clerks, supervisors, and other officials who have the responsibility for maintaining records created at the local level.

A decade ago, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History conducted a survey of state and local records on behalf of the State Historical Records Advisory Board. Among their recommendations was the establishment of a successful archival program on the local level and to create legislation that would make it easier for local officials to manage their information. In 1989, the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc. became the first fully functioning

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local archives and records management program in the state. According to Jim Dawson, despite a tremendous amount of progress over the past four years, local records management is still problematic: "The problem is not a lack of awareness of the importance of local records, but a lack of clear-cut legislation to do the job".

For the past two years, archivists and interested citizens of Mississippi have been discussing and working toward the passage of local records legislation in Mississippi. Mississippi is currently one of the few states that does not have a comprehensive local records management program. The Archives and Records Management Law of 1981 (Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-59-1 et. Seq.) specifically places only state government records under the management of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Those laws which do specify requirements for the keeping of local records were written over 100 years ago and are either very vague or are outdated in their specificity, as in the requirement that certain records and indexes be kept in "well bound books".

During the 1994 legislative session, local records legislation was proposed which would affect some 45 sections of the Mississippi Code. This legislation would essentially create a comprehensive local records management system under the regulatory authority of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The proposed legislation would also remove archaic language from the existing law and clearly empower local governments to develop legally acceptable records control schedules and records management programs. The legislation would specifically create a local records division in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to administer the local records program. It is hoped that such enabling legislation would also foster the development of local and regional archives and record centers.

Two bills concerning local records were introduced during the 1994 legislative session. House Bill 1634 was introduced by Representative Tommy Horn on behalf of the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History and was subsequently passed by the House. After referral by the House to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, a funding rider of \$33,000 was attached to the bill. This was consistent with the position of MDAH officials that additional responsibilities cannot be assumed by the Department without additional funding. House Bill 1434, thought to be favored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, would have created an Advisory Commission on Local Government Records which would make recommendations concerning local records matters. This bill included a funding appropriation request of \$100,000.

Despite the efforts of supporters of the archival community, as of the end of the 1994 legislative session, local records legislation was not funded, no surprise given the difficulty of passing any non-mandated legislation requiring ongoing funding at the taxpayers expense. Plans are to introduce legislation again during the next legislative session. Passage will require the unified efforts of the entire archival community to build support for such legislation. For more information, contact Jim Dawson at the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 5511, Meridian, Mississippi, 39302-5511.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to many different factors, all the responsibility of the editor, *The Primary Source* has been consistently running behind 3-4 issues for the last year or more. I sincerely regret the delay and apologize for the inconvenience to subscribers and contributors. I'm catching up -- please bear with me for a few more weeks. Meanwhile, your contributions of original articles, book reviews, repositories reports, accessions reports and other articles are welcome and would be most appreciated.

-Mattie Sink.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a banner year for the SMA so far. Our Second Annual Mississippi Archives Week was a big success. During the week of October 2-10, 1993, exhibits, workshops, and presentations were held at various sites in 26 different towns and cities across the state. The Society is now making plans to develop a video presentation for use in the public high schools during future Archives Week celebrations. Mississippi Archives Week has been a valuable step in educating the general public about the value of archives and the role of professionals in their care and use. As a result, the average person's knowledge of and support for archives and archival institutions will continue to increase. Archives Week needs your continued participation and support.

The Society sponsored a Forum on December 7, 1993 to promote new legislation for the more efficient management of local government records in the state. The time for incorporating local records into the state's existing records management law is long overdue. The current laws for provisions that do not clearly allow for such records management practices as electronic document storage and records retention scheduling. A comprehensive bill to remedy this situation (HB 1634) was introduced by Representative Tommy I of Meridian for the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History. This bill passed the House on February 1994 and is awaiting further action in the Senate.

Our long awaited publication, *Mississippi's Historical Heritage: A Guide to Women's Sources in Mississippi Repositories* is now in print and available for sale. The guide is a must for anyone working in the field of women's history.

The Society was also fortunate to be a co-sponsor of The First Biennial Historic Natchez Conference, held on January 23, 1994. Scholars from across the United States gave presentations concerning the history and source material of the Natchez District.

The 1994 Southern Archivists Conference is just around the corner. The conference will be held on April 6 - 8, 1994 at the Eola Hotel in Natchez. The SAC Planning Committee has worked very hard to put together an excellent program which includes sessions on digital preservation, oral history, and a panel presentation by the State Archivists of the four states. Our keynote speaker will be Trudy H. Peterson, Acting Archivist of the United States. The Society of Professional Archivists will be officially welcomed as the fifth member state in the Southern Archivists Conference. As the host for the conference, I encourage everyone who possibly can to attend this year. Let's have a strong Mississippi contingent in Natchez!

The time is almost here to renew our memberships for the 94-95 year. If you have not yet renewed your membership, I encourage you to do so. If you know of any persons who should be members of SMA, please encourage them to join us. The Society needs your support and participation to continue its programs and outreach work across the state.

-Will Henson, President

(Editor's Note: Apologies to Will Henson, who wrote his President's Message for this issue in the Spring of 1994.)

What Council Did... SMA Executive Council Meeting Jackson, February 11, 1994

- Approved the meeting schedule and final plans for the Southern Archivists Conference, April 6-8, 1994.
- Discussed issues for planning future SAC meetings.
- Heard a report that the University of Alabama will be the home of the SAC Archives.
- Heard a membership report and discussed the continuing problem of membership vs. mailing list and possible remedies.
- Heard a sales report on the Women's Guide and discussed handling of sales.
- Began discussion of Mississippi Archives Week 1994, including the possibility of making a videotape for use in schools and possibly for other programs.
- Discussed funding of Archives Week.
- Heard a report sent by Jim Dawson on local government records legislation. Jim's article in *The Mississippi Supervisor* was distributed.
- Heard a report that SMA co-sponsored a coffee at the Historic Natchez Foundation during the Natchez Conference. Voted to send \$250.00 to cover the shared expenses.
- Scheduled the next business meeting in Natchez on April 8, 1994.

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Society of Mississippi Archivists
Proposed Dues Increase
December 8, 1994

At the December 8, 1994 Executive Council meeting, the Executive Council voted to propose a dues increase at the annual meeting in April of 1995. Currently Section III. 2 of the Bylaws states:

Categories of membership and membership dues shall be: Regular membership, \$7.50; Institutional membership, \$15.00; Patron, \$25.00 or more; Student, \$3.00.

The Executive Council proposes to change Section III.2 to read:

Categories of membership and membership dues shall be: Regular membership, \$10.00; Institutional membership, \$20.00; Patron, \$25.00 or more; Student, \$5.00.

Changing the Bylaws requires a majority vote of those present and voting at the annual business meeting.

Please give this dues increase your careful consideration. Dues have not been increased since the mid-1980s. The funds generated by a dues increase will be used to cover general expenditures, such as Mississippi Archives Week, publications and other Society activities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter!

PATTI CARR BLACK RECEIVES AWARD OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Patti Carr Black, Director of the State Historical Museum from 1976 until her retirement in 1992, received two awards at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society, March 4, 1994. Black received the MHS Dunbar Rowland Award in recognition for her many years of service to the Department of Archives and History in a variety of different roles, especially in documentation of the folk art and culture of Mississippi. At the same meeting, Black was also presented an Award of Merit from the American Association of State and Local History, in recognition for her many contributions to the preservation and interpretation of Mississippi history. (Artifacts, May 1994)

DR. SAMMY CRANFORD DIES

Dr. Sammy Cranford, professor of history at Delta State University died February 15, 1994. In addition to teaching history, Cranford curated the Delta State University Archives. Cranford had been working for legislation to provide a museum building to showcase Delta history. The collections of Delta State University include materials documenting the political, agricultural and legislative history of Mississippi and life in the Mississippi Delta. Among the manuscript materials at Delta State are collections of Walter Sillers, Sr., Walter Sillers, Jr., Florence Sillers Ogden, and the editorial cartoon collection of Jackson Daily News cartoonist Jimmy Johnson. Other materials include oral histories, photographs and University records. Contributions to the Sammy O. Cranford Archives and Museum Memorial Fund will be used to support the museum. Checks should be made out to the Delta State University Foundation for the Sammy O. Cranford Fund, may be sent to DSU Fund, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS 38733.

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SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVISTS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT SPRING 1994

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MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS ORAL HISTORY GRANT

The Oral History Committee of the Mississippi Historical Society is attempting to inventory all possible oral interview holdings in the state. The committee, chaired by Jim Dawson of the LCDA&H, is also planning to apply for an NHPRC grant in October 1994 to assist with the cataloging of all past oral interviews and put the information into a guide for publication. Under the grant, if approved, a person would be hired to inventory and catalog oral history collections across the state.

The committee has received a draft copy of an oral interview catalog from the Minnesota Historical Society, which is being developed under an NHPRC grant. The committee is also getting the word to all schools and colleges about the upcoming inventory and encourage them to report on any past oral interview projects they may have been involved in. It has been found that the result of many projects are just gathering dust because they are not widely known to researchers or the public. A guide would provide information on oral history resources state-wide.

While plans are not complete at this time, one possible result of the inventory could be the designation of certain repositories in the state for oral interview collections. The committee would appreciate any and all assistance in this matter. For information, call Jim Dawson at (601) 482-9858 or Dan D. Bleyker at (601) 359-6850.

RICHARDS JOINS USM'S MCCAIN LIBRARY

This past January, David Richards assumed the position of Special Collections Librarian at the McCain Library & Archives of the University of Southern Mississippi, where he will split his time between providing reference assistance and cataloging special collections materials. David received his BA in History from Western Illinois University in 1988, and served as a graduate assistant/intern with the Illinois Regional Archives Depository System at WIU. After receiving his MA in History from WIU in 1990, he worked with the Illinois State Archives in Springfield on a nine-month fellowship. He then traveled to the South to serve as a Project Archivist with the Louisiana State Archives in Baton Rouge from 1991-1992. While obtaining the MLIS degree at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, David served as a student assistant and field experience intern with the Louisiana & Lower Mississippi Valley Collection at LSU's Hill Memorial Library. David graduated with the MLIS degree from LSU and acquired ACA certification in 1993.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVAL STAFF NEWS

DebbieLee Landi is now Curator of the Mississippi Collection at the John Davis Williams Library at the University of Mississippi. The University's manuscripts collection includes materials documenting the lumber industry in Mississippi, the Rowan Oak Papers, the literary collections of Barry Hannah, Will D. Campbell, and Beth Henley, as well as a wide variety of congressional and senatorial papers, diaries, letters and other documents. Other staff assisting Landi include Lisa K. Speer and Patty Taylor. Dr. Thomas Verich continues as Director of the Archives and Special Collections Department. Among its most recent activities, the Department sponsored an exhibit featuring materials of novelist John Grisham.

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SAA SELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Susan E. Fox, director of programs for the Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, has been selected as the new executive director of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) and will officially assume the post on April 1, 1994. She has an extensive background in management, advocacy, fund raising, meeting planning, publications programs, and working with advisory boards. Fox has served in a director position at the Kennedy School for the last six years. At the Center for Science and International Affairs, she manages a \$1 million operating budget and is responsible for program development, implementation, and administration at the school's largest research facility. She has organized multiple conferences and workshops; oversees 25 fellows and an internal staff of six; and initially developed and currently produces a variety of publications for the center. As the administrative director for the Kennedy School's Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program, she developed a fundraising plan to leverage endowment, gift, federal, and foundation funding.

Prior to joining the Kennedy School, Fox served as assistant to the executive director of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, with 170,000 members in 61 nations. The organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985. Fox earned her undergraduate degree in public relations from the Boston University College of Communications. In 1992, she received a master's degree in public affairs from the McCormack Institute at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Fox will replace Anne P. Diffendal, who has opted not to renew her contract with the Society. Diffendal will return to her hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska, to resume her career as a consulting historian in research, program planning, grant writing, and exhibit planning and coordination. Diffendal, a longtime SAA member, has served as the Society's executive director since March 1991. (Teresa Brinati, *Archives & Archivists Listserv*, February 4, 1994)

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL RECORDS TO BE ADDRESSED

In light of a decision of the United States Court of Appeals that the recordkeeping status of the National Security Council (NSC) must now, for the first time, be addressed, the Justice Department today filed a brief in federal district court demonstrating that the NSC is a Presidential entity not appropriately considered an "agency" subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). At the same time, the President directed the NSC to establish procedures for access by the public to appropriate NSC records. The brief was filed in federal district court in the District of Columbia in the case *Armstrong v. Executive Office of the President*. In August 1993, the Court of Appeals remanded the case to the district court to determine the NSC's status under federal records statutes. The Court of Appeals noted that this question had not been determined by the courts.

As explained in the government's brief, the answer to this question is straightforward. The structure and functions of the NSC as set forth in the National Security Act of 1947, and the duties that every President has assigned to the Council through Presidential Directives and Executive Orders, demonstrate that the NSC and its staff exist solely to advise and assist the President in the discharge of his core constitutional responsibilities. The President directed Anthony Lake, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and William Itoh, Executive Secretary of the NSC, to continue voluntarily the practice of making appropriate NSC documents available to the public. The President noted that he "strongly support(s) the policy of past Administrations of permitting public access to certain NSC records, and of leaving certain NSC records to the incoming Administration in order to ensure a smooth transition on national security matters".

The Administration's actions today will thus permit the NSC to continue the tradition of treating most NSC records as Presidential, while at the same time permitting the NSC to subject other records to public access requests under standards similar to the FOIA. (White House Press Release, March 25, 1994)

STUDENT DISCIPLINARY RECORDS CLOSED IN LOUISIANA

A district judge in Louisiana has ruled that the state's open records laws do not entitle people to view student disciplinary records at public universities. Editors of the student newspaper at Louisiana State University at Shreveport sued

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administrators for the release of such records last fall. The paper was investigating the case of two student government leaders accused of embezzlement. In refusing to release the documents, the university cited the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a federal law that protects students' academic records. The paper argued that disciplinary records were not covered by the act, commonly known as the Buckley Amendment. Judge Scott J. Crichton sided with the university, ruling that disclosure of the requested records would violate state confidentiality laws and the Buckley Amendment. This ruling comes just months after the Georgia Supreme Court ruled in a similar case that newspapers could obtain students' disciplinary records and attend campus judicial proceedings. (*Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 23, 1994)

ARCHIVES II DEDICATION

On May 12, 1994 the National Archives at College Park was formally dedicated. Remarks were made by Jean-Pierre Wallot, Archivist of Canada and President of the International Council on Archives. U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) delivered the main address. Mr. Hoyer was instrumental in bringing the building to Maryland and helping to secure financing for it. Acting Archivist of the United States, Trudy Huskamp Peterson, announced that the research complex within Archives II will be named in honor of Representative Hoyer. The center is located on five floors and when completed, will be able to accommodate 390 researchers at a time. The dedication and naming of the new research center will take place in spring 1996 when the move of records to Archives II is completed. (*News From the Archives*, Spring 1994)

NIXON PROJECT OPENS HALDEMAN DIARIES

The Nixon Presidential Materials Staff has opened for research the handwritten diaries of H.R. Haldeman, Chief of Staff in the Nixon White House. The materials include six volumes of journal for the period January 18, 1969 - December 2, 1970 and a trips journal spanning the period of February 1969 - September 1970. In approximately December 1970, Mr. Haldeman began keeping a tape recorded diary instead of handwritten journals. The tape recorded diaries consist of approximately 72 hours covering the period from November 30, 1970 through April 30, 1973. The National Archives has not yet completed processing the tape recorded diaries for opening. (*News From the Archives*, Spring 1994)

UPDATE ON SELECTION OF U.S. ARCHIVIST

"One year after Don Wilson resigned as U.S. Archivist, Trudy Huskamp Peterson is still acting archivist and the White House has not indicated when a nominee for archivist will be selected. Last summer it appeared that Stanley Katz, president of the American Council of Learned Societies, would be appointed. But concern about possible opposition from a key senator caused the White House to back away from that nomination. The White House subsequently considered several other individuals, including Peterson, who holds a Ph.D in history, is a former president of the Society of American Archivists, and is recognized for her leadership in the international archival community. Although there is considerable respect and support for Peterson within the Clinton White House, the leadership there seems to be leading toward an outside candidate. Last fall and then again in January, the Office of White House Personnel interviewed Mary Maples Dunn, president of Smith College and a highly respected historian and college administrator.

Attention in February focused on Robert Hardesty, a consultant to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation and a lecturer and writer, who along with his supporters, accelerated his efforts to seek the nomination. From 1965 to 1969, Hardesty served in the White House as an assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson and from 1969 to 1972, he worked as a special assistant to the former president. During the 1970s and 1980s he served on several Democratic National Platform Committees and as a campaign consultant, and from 1981 to 1988, Hardesty was president of Southwest Texas State University. In late March, Hardesty, who had sought the position of U.S. Archivist for over a year, notified the White House that he was withdrawing his name from consideration. The White House Personnel Office expanded its search and has recently interviewed three individuals for the position of U.S. Archivist--Richard Kohn, former Chief of the Office of Air Force History and currently Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; John Milton

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Cooper, Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and formerly chair of the department; and William Josephson, a partner since 1968 with the New York law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson, a General Counsel from 1963 to 1966 for the Peace Corps." (Page Putnam Miller, Director National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, Perspectives, April 1994 and OAH Newsletter, May 1994)

CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES PLAYS KEY ROLE IN LAWSUIT

California State Archives staff members provided research assistance to a Los Angeles attorney that resulted in a \$1,175,000 jury award to the attorney's client, Ali Ahmand. Ahmand had sued The Globe tabloid for suggesting that he, not Sirhan Sirhan, assassinated Robert F. Kennedy in 1968. Because the Archives holds the Los Angeles Police Department's investigative files relating to the Kennedy assassination, the State Archivist was called to testify in the case and was on the witness stand for over six hours. Burns was questioned repeatedly about facts in the case by attorneys for both parties and was also questioned extensively about such matters as the circumstances of the transfer of the records, archival processing and procedures, and archival reference services. (California Originals, Spring, 1994)

BENTLEY FELLOWSHIPS FOR 1994

The Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan announced the award of fellowships to support research on problems relating to modern documentation. The twelfth year of the Research Fellowship Program for Study of Modern Archives is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the University of Michigan. The program is co-directed by the Bentley Library's Francis X. Blouin and William K. Wallach.

Individual fellowships were awarded this year to Jean Dryden, United Church/Victoria University Archives in Canada; Pedro Lopez Gomez, Archivo del Reino de Galicia, Spain; and Frederick Stielow, Amistad Research Center, Tulane University. One team fellowship was awarded to Nancy McGovern, Center for Electronic Records, National Archives and Tom Ruller, Center for Electronic Records, New York State Archives; the other team receiving funding includes William Brown, University of Miami and Elizabeth Yakel, University of Michigan. Projects include a practical examination of using metadata to support archival programmatic functions (Ruller and McGovern); understanding administrative use and users in college and university archives (Yakel and Brown); the monument function and minority archives (Stielow); comparison of Spanish and United States appraisal practices for selection of documents (Lopez Gomez); and descriptive standards for electronic records (Dryden). (William Wallach, Archives & Archivists Listserv, June 26, 1994)

COMMISSION INVESTIGATES CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF MICROFILM

The Commission on Preservation and Access has developed a three-year pilot project to test the feasibility of a central distribution center for print masters of preservation microfilms. Representatives from Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and New York Public Libraries, Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), Iron Mountain, and the Commission met in August of 1993 to discuss the details of the project. They developed procedures for standardizing retrieval information in bibliographic records, transferring retrieval information to Iron Mountain through OCLC, and shipping films to Iron Mountain. Once all procedures have been successfully tested, other libraries may join the program. Procedures for including standard retrieval information in bibliographic records will be recommended to the National Endowment for the Humanities for inclusion in its microfilm guidelines. Titles selected for the project will be accessible through OCLC's databases, including FirstSearch. (College and Research Libraries News, January 1994)

CONSERVATION

NEH PROVIDES DISASTER ASSISTANCE

An emergency fund established last summer for flood-damaged Midwestern libraries, archives and museums will be broadened to include cultural institutions in California that have been damaged by earthquakes and other recent natural disasters, the National Endowment for the Humanities announced. Agency Chairman Sheldon Hackney said, while no new emergency funds exist, the Endowment would accept applications from institutions in California concurrently with proposals from states in the Midwest that are still recovering from last summer's massive flooding. "We can rebuild the bridges and the buildings, but it would be nearly insurmountable to reclaim the knowledge we'd lose if these imperiled collections are left unprotected," said Hackney. "These institutions contribute history's voice to our national conversation. "Emergency proposals of up to \$30,000 to help libraries, archives and museums preserve collections of books, archival materials, manuscripts, and objects of material culture will be accepted by the Endowment through July 31, 1994. Awards will be judged on the basis of the importance of the collections for use in research, education or public programs in the humanities. (Conservation Distlist, February 17, 1994)

NEW CONSERVATION MANUAL PUBLISHED

The Office of Management Services of the Association of Research Libraries has published Collection Conservation Treatment: A Resource Manual for Program Development and Conservation Technician Training. The 452-page manual contains instructions for more than 100 conservation treatments, floorplans, and furnishing/equipment lists for conservation laboratories, flow charts, and decision trees for conservation decision-making, plus a bibliography. The manual was developed by the 42 collections conservators and preservation administrators who attended the 1992 "Training the Trainers: A Conference on Training in Collection Conservation" and compiled by Maralyn Jones, assistant head of the Conservation Department at the University of California, Berkeley. Copies are available for \$25.00 from the Publications Department, Office of Management Services, 21 Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036. (College and Research Libraries News, February 1994)

FLOOD RECOVERY BOOKLET AVAILABLE

The Iowa Cooperative Preservation Consortium (ICPC) has compiled a Flood Recovery Booklet using leaflets contributed by the American Institute for Conservation of Historic Works, the American Red Cross, the Federation of Historical Services, the Northeast Document Conservation Center, and a number of other organizations. The booklet is designed to help the general public cope with flood water damage and covers the issues of safety, dealing with mold, treating damaged materials, and where to obtain help when it's needed. The ICPC and the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, with the help of funds provided through the Chairman's Emergency Grant Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has already distributed over 2,000 copies of the booklet. Copies may be purchased for \$10.00 prepaid (plus \$.50 tax, if not tax-exempt) from the Iowa State Printing Division, Publications Division, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS AS BEING RARE AND VALUABLE

The Joint Committee on Government Documents as Rare Books of ALA's RBMS/GODORT/MAGERT has published Rare and Valuable Government Documents; A Resource Packet on Identification, Preservation, and Security Issues for Government Documents Collections. The packet comprises previously published materials on the identification of rare documents and the preservation techniques which may be used to protect them. Free copies of the packet were distributed by the Government Printing Office in May 1993 to all depository libraries. Edited by Jim Walsh, Barbara Hulyk, and George Barmum, copies are available for purchase through the ERIC Document Reproduction Service, Cincinnati Bell Information Systems Federal, Inc., 7420 Fullerton Rd., Suite 110, Springfield, VA 22153. (800) 443-ERIC. (College and Research Libraries News, February 1994)

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DIGITAL IMAGE PROJECT FUNDED BY NEH

Cornell University Library Department of Preservation and Conservation has received a \$319,879 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to conduct a research and demonstration project to test the feasibility of using digital image technology to create microfilm that will meet national preservation standards for quality and image permanence. This demonstration project builds on ground-breaking work conducted at Cornell to investigate the use of digital technology in library applications. For the past four years, Cornell and the Xerox Corporation have collaborated in a project to test a prototype system for recording brittle books as digital images and producing, on demand, high quality paper replacements. Of equal interest has been the role of digital technology in providing networked access to library resources. These investigations have also been supported by the Commission on Preservation and Access, Sun Microsystems, Inc., and the New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials.

While digital technology holds great promise as a means for preserving the contents of library materials, many issues associated with the long-term accessibility of information stored only in digital image form have yet to be resolved. These center on the obsolescence associated with the rapid changes occurring in the development of hardware/software system design, a lack of service bureau experience with library applications, and issues of permanency and standards. Until such issues can be addressed, the use of digital technology for preservation purposes should be accompanied by the production of an archival copy on a proven medium, such as microfilm. To this end, Cornell University developed its "digital to microfilm conversion" project to determine the viability of such an approach.

The 1,500 volumes to be scanned in this two-year project, which begins April 1, 1994, comprise the retrospective core literature of agricultural economics and rural sociology. This is one of the seven disciplines of the agricultural sciences identified in the Core Historical Literature Project of Albert R. Mann Library at Cornell. The core literature of agriculture was identified using a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods. The selection process included consultation with a Scholars Advisory Board and the establishment of preservation priorities by panels of academic reviewers. A key goal of the agricultural community's Natural Preservation Plan for Agricultural Literature is to preserve the core historical literature of all seven disciplines via microfilm and to provide enhanced access via digital technology.

This project will make use of a Technical Advisory Committee, consisting of nationally recognized experts in the areas of preservation management, micrographics, imaging science, and standards development. It will also include the identification and selection of vendors who can convert the high resolution digital images scanned at Cornell into microfilm that meets nationally recognized preservation standards. The results of this study will be disseminated to major research libraries, standards setting bodies, and library organizations and consortia with a particular interest in the use of emerging technologies. This project is a complement to Yale University's "Project Open Book," which also was awarded a grant by NEH, that will demonstrate the cost and processes involved in producing digital images from 10,000 volumes on microfilm.

This project is a cooperative effort involving staff in the Department of Preservation and Conservation, the Albert R. Mann Library, and the Library Technology Division. Anne R. Kenney, Associate Director, Department of Preservation and Conservation, will serve as the Principal Investigator. For more information, please contact Anne R. Kenney, Associate Director, Department of Preservation and Conservation, 214 Olin Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. 607-255-6875. ark3@cornell.edu. (*Conservation Distlist*, April 1, 1994)

EMERGENCY AT ARCHIVES II

On the evening of March 29, 1994, there was a malfunction of one of the components within the Still Picture cold storage vault on the fourth floor at the National Archives at College Park. The sprinkler system in the vault continued to discharge water for slightly over an hour before its exact location was determined and the water flow cut off. Security guards did not detect the sprinkler in the cold storage vault because they were not aware of the vault and there were carts of records in front of the door to the vault. To avoid this in the future, several steps have been taken, including providing the security guards with a better orientation to the fire system and the building layout, especially where there are vaults within larger stacks.

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There were no records in the cold storage vault, but water did seep into the adjacent motion picture vault, and filtered down to the second and third floor cartographic stack areas and eventually reached the Nixon Project area on the first floor. Damage to the cartographic records on the third floor was minimal, however, aerial film cans did become wet and 8 percent of 1,500 cans frozen as a precaution were wet or damp. Staff have completed drying this film.

In the second floor cartographic stack area rolled ship plans and drawings in map drawers became damp, but were air dried in the conservation lab. Very little loss of information has been detected. In the Nixon Project, several Presidential gift crates were slightly damp, but not damaged, boxes containing original copies of Nixon tapes were wet, but not damaged, and more than one hundred boxes of records were wet on the exterior, but almost all materials in the boxes were dry. Only a small quantity of records became damp, and they were quickly air dried. (News From the Archives, Spring 1994)

DISASTER ASSISTANCE MANUAL AVAILABLE

The Oklahoma Conservation Congress announces the availability of updated editions of Toby Murray's Basic Guidelines for Disaster Planning in Oklahoma and Bibliography on Disasters, Disaster Preparedness and Recovery. Basic Guidelines is easily adapted for use in any institution and has been distributed throughout the world since its first appearance in 1985. Both publications are free, however, a stamped (\$2.13), self-addressed, 9" x 12" envelope is requested. Contact Gary Harrington, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, 200 North East 18th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 (Archival Outlook, March 1994)

AKZO CANCELS DEZ DEACIDIFICATION SERVICES

The following announcement was issued by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) on December 16, 1993:

This is to alert you that Akzo Chemicals, Inc. has decided to shut down its pilot Book Preservation Facility in Texas effective in the first quarter of 1994. This decision was taken against the backdrop of ongoing testing as well as active marketing of services. Akzo Chemicals holds the exclusive license to use the Library of Congress developed diethyl zinc (DEZ) deacidification process. This development will drastically alter the mass deacidification market and poses the danger that research libraries will no longer have access to a cost-effective corrective technique to deacidify library materials while they are still sound and not yet brittle. The closing of the plant signals Akzo's assessment "of limited prospects for the adoption of DEZ in the near future." In a letter to ARL, Akzo reports this action is "despite our firm belief that it represents the best available technology to address a need that is real and truly worldwide."

In the last year about a dozen ARL libraries have sent shipments of materials to be treated: Harvard and Johns Hopkins have actually integrated use of Akzo's deacidification services into the libraries' preservation program. For the past year the Library of Congress contracted with Akzo for a research and development effort to perfect the DEZ deacidification process with a special emphasis on elimination of odor. On December 13, 1993, Akzo notified the Library of Congress of the decision to discontinue deacidification services. ARL has asked LC to clarify the impact of this action on LC preservation programs and on the availability of the technology for use by other libraries. We will keep you informed. (Conservation Distlist, December 16, 1993)

PERMANENT PAPER

Abbey Publications has surveyed nearly 60 paper mills in the United States and Canada to discover how many printing and writing papers on the market qualify as permanent under the newly revised American National Standard for permanent paper, ANSI/NISO Z39.48-1992, "Permanence of Paper for Publications and Documents in Libraries and Archives." The survey results have been compiled and published in a 51-page booklet, North American Permanent Paper, available for \$7.00 from Abbey Publications, 7105 Geneva Drive, Austin, TX 78723; (512) 929-3992. The publisher plans to revise the booklet annually. (ALCTS Network News, August 9, 1994)

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MASS DEACIDIFICATION REPORT AVAILABLE

Mass Deacidification of Paper: A Comparative Study of Existing Processes, by Astrid-Christiane Brandt (184 pages, bilingual, 1993), examines the principal causes of paper self-destruction since the 19th century, and reviews the deacidification processes developed in recent decades. Six processes are explored in detail: Wei T'o, Bookkeeper, Akzo (DEZ), LITHCO-FMC, Booksaver, and the British Library process. The author concludes that there is no treatment applicable to all types of paper and compatible with all the constituents of a book. Published by the Bibliotheque Nationale, it may be ordered for \$70.00 from John Benjamins Publishing Company, 821 Bethlehem Pike, Philadelphia, PA 19118. (College and Research Libraries News, April 1994)

INTEGRITY AND AUTHENTICITY OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS

Graham, Peter S. Intellectual Preservation: Electronic Preservation of the Third Kind, Washington, DC: Commission on Preservation and Access, 1994. \$10.00

Discusses the need to assure the integrity and authenticity of electronic information as originally recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TOOL

Sebera, Donald K. Isoperms - An Environmental Management Tool, Washington, D.C.: Commission and Preservation and Access, 1994. \$10.00.

Describes in detail the isoperm method for determining how temperature and humidity conditions affect the useful life of collections.

BIBLIOGRAPHY ON GUIDES TO ARCHIVES AND MANUSCRIPTS

Guides to Archives and Manuscript Collections in the United States: An Annotated Bibliography. Compiled by Donald L. DeWitt. Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1994. \$85.00

More than 2000 titles are cited in this 496-page guide which provides coverage of guides, directories, calendars, inventories, and registers of archives and manuscript collections in the United States. Includes guides to foreign archival holdings of U.S. materials, and also includes archival holdings in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other Trust Territories. (Archival Outlook, May, 1994)

SPEC KIT ON AUTOMATING PRESERVATION MANAGEMENT

The ARL Office of Management Services Systems and Procedures Exchange Center (SPEC) announces the publication of several SPEC Kits:

SPEC Kit#198, Automating Preservation Management in ARL Libraries, reports on the results of a SPEC survey on the status of automation activities within preservation departments in member libraries and includes a compilation of responses and commentary from ARL libraries.

SPEC Kit #199, Video Collections and Multimedia in ARL Libraries, reports on the preliminary results of a survey of selected ARL libraries conducted in spring, 1993, to assess the current status and scope of video collections and services including multimedia technology.

SPEC Kit #200, 2001: A Space Reality--Strategies for Obtaining Funding for New Library Space, was compiled as a result of a strong demand for information on recent cases for new library space within ARL libraries.

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These SPEC Kits are available for \$40 pbk (\$25 ARL members). Send prepaid orders to: ARL/OMS Publications, Department #0692, Washington, DC 20073-0692; fax: 202-872-0884. For additional information contact Annette C. Verna, Publications Program Assistant, 202-296-8656. (ALCTS NETWORK NEWS, April 19, 1994)

Schrock, Nancy Carlson. Archival Storage of Photographic Materials. Gaylord Preservation Pathfinder #3. Available free of charge from Gaylord Brothers, Box 4901, Syracuse, New York 13221-4901, 1-800-448-6160.

This 20-page pamphlet provides the preliminary background information necessary to select appropriate storage materials for photographic collections. Brief chapters address preparing collections for storage, selecting storage materials, the storage environment, case studies, and a bibliography. (Archival Outlook, May, 1994).

Price, Lois Olcott. Managing a Mold Invasion: Guidelines for Disaster Response. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, 264 S. 23rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, (215) 545-0613. Copies are \$3.50 postage paid.

This technical bulletin covers health concerns, first response, inactivation procedures, fungicides, cleaning and disinfecting, follow-up, and prevention planning. Includes additional references on specific topics and a list of service providers. First in a series of technical bulletins to be published by the Center. (Archival Outlook, July, 1994).

PUBLICATION ON HARVARD/RADCLIFFE SOURCES AVAILABLE

Not Just the Facts: Varieties of Research in Historical Sources, proceedings of a symposium sponsored by the Harvard University Library, February 25, 1993, in which six Harvard / Radcliffe curators discuss archival research in their subject areas. Contents: Lawrence Dowler, "Introduction"; Albert F. Bartovics, "Business History and Historical Collections at Baker Library"; David de Lorenzo, "Research Use of a Legal History Repository"; Clark A. Elliott, "Research in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine"; Leslie A. Morris, "Literary Studies"; Eva Steiner Moseley, "Women's History"; Alan L. Seaburg, "Some Current Research in Religion at Harvard"; and "Appendix: Access to Manuscript and Archival Materials at Harvard and Radcliffe. The 28 page publication is available without cost. Contact: Clark A. Elliott, Harvard University Archives, Pusey Library, Cambridge, MA 02138 (e-mail: clark_elliott@harvard.edu). (David De Lorenzo, Archives & Archivists Listserv, June 23, 1994)

GUIDE TO SOUTHWEST ARCHIVES

The Society of Southwest Archivists has published a Guide to Archival and Manuscript Repositories. It is the most comprehensive source of information on the holdings of archives and manuscript repositories located in the southwestern United States. It includes descriptions for 450 institutions and is fully indexed with six separate indices. This 250 page softcover publication is available for \$25.00 from Cindy Martin, Treasurer, Society of Southwest Archivists, Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41041, Lubbock, TX 79409-1041.

COPYRIGHT AND UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

Cogswell, Robert. Copyright Law for Unpublished Manuscripts and Archival Collections. New York: Glanville Publications, 1992, 120 pages, softcover. Available from the Society of American Archivists, \$80.00 (\$70.00 for members).

ACQUISITIONS

PBS DONATES VIDEOS TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

In January the Public Broadcasting Service announced that it would give the Library of Congress its complete archive of programs, some 40,000 videotapes and films of shows broadcast in the past, as well as those for future programs. PBS will give the library copies of most programs one year after its rights to the programs have expired. The video tapes will be transmission copies which are intended for preservation and cannot be made available for public use. As time and the budget permits, user copies will be prepared and the materials will be made available for public use. The library also has an extensive collection of about 10,000 tapes from National educational Television, PBS's predecessor, and approximately 3,000 tapes from PBS shows that were taped off the air. (Chronicle of Higher Education, February 2, 1994)

LILLY LIBRARY ACQUIRES PAPERS OF NADINE GORDIMER

The Lilly Library at Indiana University has acquired the archives of Nadine Gordimer, the South African novelist and short story writer who won the Nobel Prize in 1991. The collection includes manuscripts of her novels and stories, and notebooks in which she recorded research for the social and political background of her books. (Chronicle of Higher Education, February 2, 1994)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA ARCHIVES

Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) has agreed to place their historical records with the Archives of the University of Colorado at Boulder. AIUSA, the American chapter of the international human rights group, was founded in 1966 and has consultative status with the United Nations and the Council of Europe, cooperative relations with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and has observer status with the Organization for African Unity. AIUSA received the 1977 Nobel Prize for Peace. Volunteers participate in the following networks: Educators, Freedom Writers, Health Professionals, Legal Professionals, Religion, Urgent Action, and Women. Since its founding, AIUSA has played a critical role in placing the human rights issue in the forefront of international affairs.

While AIUSA's executive board had agreed to the University's archival proposal in September of 1992 and had designated the UCB Archives as their official repository in March of 1993, final approval awaited the sanction of Amnesty International's International Secretariat in London which was granted in December, 1993. This agreement sets an important precedent which reverses a longstanding Amnesty International prohibition against depositing organizational files within any outside institution. Following several break-ins in the early 1970s, Amnesty's London headquarters instituted tight security controls governing the disposition of all internal documentation. This policy remained in effect until it came under recent review prompted by the University of Colorado's archival proposal to preserve the files of the U.S. section, the largest and most influential chapter of the worldwide human rights group.

Due to the decentralized nature of the U.S. section, an internal committee within AIUSA has been appointed to work with the UCB Archives to locate and acquire historical documentation in key offices and to identify influential past and present members whose individual files will become part of the AIUSA archives. The UCB Archives foresees the acquisition, development, and processing of the AIUSA records to be a long term project which will result in the creation of a significant archives, documenting the origins, development, and major campaigns of the preeminent section of the international human rights organization. The goal of this effort is to preserve the documentary legacy of AIUSA and to render it fully accessible for scholarly research.

Inquiries may be directed to Bruce Montgomery, Curator of Archives, University of Colorado at Boulder, Campus Box 184, Boulder, CO 80309-0184, Ph# (303) 492-7242, Montgomery_B@Colorado.Edu (Bruce Montgomery, Archives and Archivists Listserv, March 28, 1994)

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN RECEIVES CATALOGING GRANT

The University of Texas at Austin in 1993 received a U.S. Department of Education Title II-C grant to catalog and preserve Mexican archives in the Benson Latin American Collection, a part of UT's General Libraries. MARC records for 114 collections will be entered in OCLC and will also appear in UT's local online catalog and on the National Information Service Corporation's CD-ROM product, "Latin American Studies." The collections being described document a range of Mexican activities from the 16th to the 20th century. (Descriptive Notes, Summer, 1994).

NIXON LIBRARY RECEIVES \$5 MILLION GRANT

The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace received a \$5 million gift from the Annenberg Foundation, which will be used to build a domestic and foreign policy center. Like the Nixon Library, which operates as a museum and an archive, the new facility, the Center for Peace and Freedom, will be located in Yorba Linda, CA. (Library Journal, March 1, 1994)

WOMEN'S HISTORY IN VIRGINIA

The Virginia Historical Society has been awarded a grant of \$50,262 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support the Virginia Women's Manuscripts Access Project. The grant will enable the society to increase access to its collections through the creation of automated collection descriptions and a comprehensive guide to primary sources concerning women. (College & Research Libraries News, July/August 1994)

AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL ARCHIVES INITIATIVE

Wayne State University Libraries received a \$50,000 donation from Ameritech to support the African American Educational Archives Initiative. The funds will be used to develop a multimedia computer database for materials on African American education. With that system, scholars will be able to access documents, photographs, paintings, film, and sound clips, on the history of African American education from pre-Colonial times to the present. The prototype of the database will be completed in about 18 months and will be housed in the Purdy/Kresge Library. (College & Research Libraries News, July/August 1994)

ELECTRONIC ARCHIVE FOR HEINZ PAPERS

Carnegie Mellon University has received more than \$1 million to develop an electronic, historical archive of the papers of the late Senator H. John Heinz III of Pennsylvania. Money for the Heinz Electronic-Library Interactive Online System (HELIOS) was donated by the Teresa and H. John Heinz III Foundation, Heinz Company Foundation, and the Howard and Vira I. Heinz Endowments. The gift supports the establishment of the archives, where the Congressional papers of the late Senator are being preserved and digitized to make them accessible from remote locations via computer network. The university and CLARITECH, the Pittsburgh-based, text-retrieval and information-management company that provided the software for HELIOS, will provide additional funding of \$450,000 and \$260,000, respectively, for the project. CLARITECH is a Carnegie Mellon University spin-off that transfers information software developed at the university to commercial markets.

Carnegie Mellon will continue to make acquisitions for the Heinz archive in the policy areas that were of special interest to the Senator such as the environment, international trade, aging and health. According to Edward Galloway, Heinz Archivist at Carnegie Mellon, the Heinz archive system will revolutionize the way research is conducted. Documents once available only at specific locations will now be as close as the nearest personal computer. Moreover, HELIOS will radically alter the way archivists work by allowing them to quickly and accurately catalog, organize, and document the holdings of large collections, Galloway said. By the end of the three-year project, about one million of the most

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significant documents in the 4 million-piece Heinz collection will be digitized and the images converted to machine-readable full-text. These documents will include legislative material generated by the senator and his legislative aides, committee work, correspondence, and regional and statewide projects, according to Galloway. (Archives and Archivists Listserv, August 25, 1994)

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES AWARDS 6.5 MILLION IN GRANTS

The National Endowment for the Humanities announced the award of grants totaling 6.5 million to 26 institutions in 16 states and the District of Columbia. Among the projects that received funding are newspaper cataloging and microfilming projects, document processing and preservation projects and preservation training programs. Among the subject areas benefitting from NEH grants are U.S. state and regional history, anthropology, Latino civil rights history and women's studies. According to NEH Chairman Sheldon Hackney, "Preserving and making accessible the thoughts and images of various people in various times and places is one of the fundamental means by which reflection and progress in the humanities occur. Because materials held in archives carry this kind of cultural weight, it is absolutely essential that we do everything we can to ensure that rare and informative collections of newspapers, photographs and historic records are available for reference over the long run". (Mid-Atlantic Archivist, Spring, 1994)

BOOK REVIEW

Wilhelm, Henry and Carol Brower. *The Permanence and Care of Color Photographs: Traditional and Digital Color Prints, Color Negatives, Slides, and Motion Pictures*. (Grinnell, IA: Preservation Publishing Company, 1993). Illustrations, index, ix, 744pp. ISBN 0-911515-00-3 (hardbound) \$69.95.

Known primarily for his work with the American National Standards Institute, Henry Wilhelm has written *the* book on the preservation of color photographs. This enormous book weighs over five pounds and yields over 740 pages of profusely illustrated text. In twenty chapters, Wilhelm and contributing author, Carol Brower, discuss the longevity of color prints, negatives, and slides; the fading of displayed prints and slides; the permanence of color motion pictures; mounting and matting techniques; and the proper storage of color prints, slides, and films.

Where applicable, each chapter concludes with a concise and valuable table of recommendations. Additionally, the author provides the reader with numerous examples to illustrate fading and poor stability. Agfacolor Type 4 and Ektacolor RC papers are condemned with no less than nineteen illustrations of severely faded examples and disappointed professional photographers displaying hundreds of deteriorating prints taken in the 1960s and 70s. Even the plight of color motion pictures is highlighted by a case study of the faded 1960 film *Spartacus* and by Martin Scorsese's campaign to encourage Kodak to improve the stability of motion picture stock.

Mississippi archivists and conservators have their fears about high temperature and humidity confirmed by this text which provides numerous case studies illustrating the importance of proper storage and preservation facilities. The Library of Congress, the Historic New Orleans Collection, the Newberry Library, and the Art Institute of Chicago are just some of the institutions used to stress the virtues of climate controlled storage areas and equipment.

Wilhelm's evidence is provided in numerous charts, tables, and graphs which reflect his work with ANSI. Extensive endnotes and impressive bibliographies follow each chapter. Overall, this is an excellent comprehensive albeit overwhelming text book. Indeed, the book's flaw arises from its lavish examples (narrative and illustrative) which are sometimes extravagant and which may have driven the cost of the book beyond the reach of individuals and smaller institutions. Required reading for conservators, archivists, preservation librarians, and curators of photographic and film collections.

-David Richards
McCain Library & Archives
University of Southern Mississippi

ACCESSIONS

MCCAIN LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Recently processed manuscript collections available at the McCain Library and Archives of the University of Southern Mississippi. These are fully processed collections for which a descriptive guide or register is available.

BOLIAN (ETTA DUNN) MEMOIRS. 1870-1930. 1 volume.

Typescript copy of Bolian's memoirs tracing her life from childhood in rural St. Helena Parish, LA, through married life with Dan Bolian in Magnolia and Bogue Chitto, MS. They focus on family, home, sickness, life in an emerging Mississippi town, the mercantile trade, and the Baptist Church. Provenance: Gloria and Jeanette Coleman.

BRASH (RALPH E.) COLLECTION OF GULF COAST POSTCARDS. ca. 1935-1945. 151 items. Picture postcards of Mississippi Gulf Coast sites and businesses dating from the approximate period of 1935-1945. Includes images of Camp Shelby (near Hattiesburg) and Keesler Field during World War II. Prepared and distributed by Gulfport Printing Company. Provenance: Mrs. Beth Brash.

BROWN (KATE B.) PAPERS. 1918-1939. .25 cu. ft.

Letters, newspaper clippings, and other documentation relating to Brown's service as an instructor of history at State Teachers College (USM), her election as president of the Mississippi Education Association in 1926, and her travels in Europe the same year as a representative with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Provenance: Lee S. Brown.

BURNS (ZED H.) PAPERS. ca. 1699-1968. .25 cu. ft.

Primarily photocopies of Burns' research notes for his M.A. thesis, which was later published as Ship Island and the Confederacy (1971). Much of the material is based upon earlier research by M. James Stevens, whose papers are also available at the University. Provenance: Zed H. Burns.

BURTON (JACKIE YELVERTON) PAPERS. 1939-1955. 0.9 cu. ft.

Memorabilia, scrapbooks, composition books, and related materials documenting Burton's life as a student and participant in school activities at the Demonstration School of the University of Southern Mississippi. Provenance: Jackie Yelverton Burton.

COOK (JOSEPH ANDERSON) FAMILY PAPERS. 1879-1991. 7.2 cu. ft.

Contains materials that encompass the entire Cook family, but the principal subject is Joe Cook, first president of Mississippi Normal College (University of Southern Mississippi), and later state senator. Includes correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other memorabilia. Provenance: Emily Cook Bickerstaff, Mary Libby Payne, Emily Ann Raspilair, and Joseph G. Cook.

COOK (ROBERT CECIL) PAPERS. 1912-1979. 13 cu. ft.

Correspondence, reports, legal documents, photographs, and publications, primarily documenting Cook's post presidential career (University of Southern Mississippi, 1945-1954) as a businessman, publisher, author and member of the Mississippi Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning. Provenance: Dr. R.C. Cook and Rhett Cook Dodder.

CULPEPPER (JOHN WESLEY) JOURNAL. 1861. 2 volumes.

Diary kept by Culpepper, a native of Meriwether County, Georgia, of his experiences as a private in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia from May through August 1861. A member of Echols Guards, which trained at Richmond and was deployed by rail to Manassas.

CURRIER (LURA GIBBONS) PAPERS. 1937-1983. 5.4 cu. ft.

Correspondence, newspaper and journal articles, reports, speeches, photographs, association records, and other memorabilia gathered by Currier during her career as a librarian, library administrator, and library educator. Documentation relates to the Mississippi Library Commission (field representative 1950-55, executive secretary 1955-57, director, 1957-67), Washington State University, and numerous other institutions and library associations. Provenance: Lura Gibbons Currier.

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D'OLIVE (ANNE LOUISE) PAPERS. 1930-1980. 2.8 cu. ft.

Personal papers of D'Olive, art instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi, 1928-1966. Includes documentation relating to the Hattiesburg Art Association and Mississippi Folklore Society. Provenance: Rev. R.E. Price.

HICKS (DIDAMIE EMALINE) DIARY. 1843-1845. 2 volumes.

One diary for September 1843 recounting Hicks life as a young, unmarried women, and another for October 1844 through April 1845 describing her married life with George Fike. They provide insight into daily life in a rural community in South Carolina during the period. Provenance: Claude E. Fike.

HIGGENBOTHAM (PRIEUR JAY) PAPERS. 1958-1974. 0.4 cu. ft.

Correspondence, family records, memorabilia, photographs, and a handwritten draft of The Pascagoula Indians. Includes some information relating to the early Spanish and French history of the Gulf Coast area. Provenance: Prieur Jay Higgenbotham.

PINE BELT FAMILY YMCA RECORDS. 1913-1993. 8.4 cu. ft.

Correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports, photographs, and other documentation of the 80 year history of the YMCA in Hattiesburg. Includes records concerning youth programs, capital fund drives, Camp Dantzler and efforts to maintain the institution's viability during the 1930s. Provenance: Pine Belt Family YMCA.

PYLES (DIXON L.) LEGAL FILES. ca. 1940-1985. 300 cu. ft.

Legal case files created by attorney Dixon L. Pyles of Jackson, Mississippi. Pyles' legal practice has been oriented toward the protection of the rights of individuals and these records contain documentation relating to labor unionism in Mississippi, usury cases, minority and civil rights cases and other similar types of litigation. Provenance: Dixon L. Pyles.

SCOTT (FLO HAMPTON) PAPERS. 1960s. 0.25 cu. ft.

Typescripts and related materials for Scott's first book, That Passing Laughter. Provenance: Flo Hampton Scott.

SULLIVAN-KILRAIN FIGHT COLLECTION. 1938-1990. 0.35 cu. ft.

Copies of articles, notes, photographs, and other research materials documenting the last professional bare-knuckle boxing match in America, held on July 8, 1889 in Richburg, MS, between heavyweight champion John L. Sullivan and the challenger, Jake Kilrain. Provenance: Sarah E. Gillespie and William A. Bufkin.

WHEAT (ROY) PAPERS. ca. 1945-1992. 1 cu. ft.

Letters, photographs, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, video film and other materials documenting the life of Mississippi's only Vietnam era Medal of Honor recipient. Provenance: JC Wheat.

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Mississippi's Historical Heritage: A Guide to Women's Sources in Mississippi Repositories

MERCY CONVENT ARCHIVES
103 McAuley Drive
Vicksburg, MS 39180
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Order of the Sisters of Mercy. Records. 1860. 41 boxes.

The Order of the Sisters of Mercy was established in 1860 in Vicksburg by six nuns who left Baltimore with Father Leray; the purpose of the order was to educate children and provide a temporary home for good women out of institutions. Typescripts about the Order's history, one by Mother M. Angela Fedou about the Vicksburg Sisters' work during an 1879 yellow fever epidemic in Edwards; an anonymous diary, 1883-1886, that includes an address from Catholic Choctaw Indians in Neshoba County, to Pope Leo XIII and a letter of the bishop of Natchez to the rector of the American College in Rome, Italy; and a 1961 thesis by Sister M. Ethelbert De Muth, R.S.M., entitled "Thy Mercies Will I Sing." Records of the Sisters of Mercy Schools of The Catholic School Systems of Mississippi include historical records, yearbooks, scrapbooks, a register of The Sisters of Mercy (1860-1951), photographs, and other materials.

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Society of Mississippi Archivists Current Membership Report

Thank you to all new and continuing members who have paid dues recently! Renewal forms were sent out in the Fall of 1994 to members who had not paid dues in this membership year. Some 40 renewals have been received in recent weeks. We greatly appreciate all of our paid members and supporters. Although our mailing list is large and does include many exchanges, we do depend on paid memberships to support the work of the Society. Membership dues are due at the beginning of the membership year which begins in May so that those who attend the Annual Meeting can conveniently pay dues at that time. There is usually a renewal form in each issue of *The Primary Source*. This form can be used to pay dues once per year to pay dues even when *The Primary Source* is delayed as it has been in the last year. In the past we have not billed institutional members, but we are currently working on a procedure to invoice institutional members yearly. Thank for your continuing support!

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